

of what high character is his intellectual force, are matters within the common knowledge of all who know anything of the affairs of the Federal government; and so, too, of his early courage and devotion and his intense patriotism as an American. His party, considering it as the lineal successor of the old Whig organization, has had no such brilliant, forcible and popular champion since the days of Henry Clay. His nomination must be accepted everywhere, abroad as well as at home, as that of one of the foremost among living American statesmen; and if he should be elected, no one can envision the people of the United States as having gone to the subordinate ranks of their public men for the chief executive of their country."

A POLITICAL PULVERIZER.

George William Curtis imagines that he is a political pulverizer when, in fact, he is little if anything more than a whiskered whirling dervish and a galvanized gale. If he has ever accomplished anything, in a political way, in his life, so far as the republican party and its principles are concerned, it has been as a judas. He is pre-eminently the political dupe of America. The whole Harper outfit have since 1851 apparently studied how they might the most effectually stab the Freedom party of the north and still retain the patronage of the progressive element of the country, which element is almost wholly confined to the republican party. They have went to such lengths at times, through their galvanized gale and the columns of their weekly as to disgust every honest reader. Curtis at the late convention of which he was a member, and after its adjournment, when cornered said that the ticket nominated was undoubtedly the choice of the people. Not only that but on the platform of the convention he pledged himself to its support. But it is not his support that anybody cares for, it is the paper through which he speaks, and which the Harper's control.

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The *Leavenworth Times* has since followed up this attack in a way to discover its purpose and playmate. Notwithstanding Col. Martin has from the day of the passage of the prohibition law, advocated its enforcement and in every way shown his opposition to the dram shop system. The *Times* substantially charges that this course is a sham and a part of a plan to betray the cause of prohibition by professing to favor its enforcement while secretly the object is to repeal the law. The *Times* further charges, through the instrumentality of a constitutional convention. This charge is not only unfair but discloses an ignorance of the laws of Kansas, and we are expected to find in the *Leavenworth Times*.

Another consideration in this connection will suggest itself to thoughtful people, and that is why the *Leavenworth Times* became so concerned for prohibition. It has been and is now the inveterate opponent of that policy and has never even compromised itself so much as to say that the law ought to be enforced. Therefore will republicans or prohibitionists not heed anything it may have to say which is intended purely in the interest of the *Times* candidate for governor, and not in the interest of any principle. There is another principle of well recognized authority which will attract attention. What bond of union is there between the *Times* and Mr. Thacher that it should suddenly take up its cudgel for him? There have been much said about suspicious associations in this campaign, but we have observed no alliance more suspicious than that which seems to have suddenly sprung up between Douglas and *Leavenworth* counties, and if it continues much longer Judge Thacher's friends will find themselves under the necessity of explaining.

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